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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 08 September 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of Claims 1 and 4-35. A Declaration of Oomman P. Thomas under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 is enclosed herewith.

Applicants believe that the final rejection resulted from a fundamental misunderstanding or misinterpretation of polymer chemistry, wherein the Examiner has considered the term "graft copolymer" to be synonymous with "polymer blend." In fact, the terms "graft copolymer" and "polymer blend" are mutually exclusive, and do not overlap.

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